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REMARKS

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1. Between 23 August and 4 September 1954, except for Sunday the 29 August, there was air activity by MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s at Finow airfield. An estimated 50 take-offs were made daily. Air activity included individual local flights, flights in formations of four aircraft. Once during this period, a flight by a formation was observed which consisted of a leading element of two, with three aircraft each flying in echelon to the right and left formation. During the reported period, an estimated 50 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were observed to be stationed at the field. 25X1

2. Between 23 August and 4 September, the AA gun emplacement in the southeastern corner of the field was occupied by 6 x 37-mm AA guns. 25X1

3. Between 1600 and 1630 on 26 August, an estimated 36 jet fighters were seen at the field. The alert flight consisted of 4 aircraft. 25X1

4. On 26 August, a radio installation consisting of one mast with an umbrella-shaped antenna, and another mast with unidentified dipole antenna were seen north of the field. The Token-type radar set was at its previous location near Sommerfelde.<sup>2</sup>

5. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at the field between 5 and 8 September:

5 and 6 September. No flying was observed although the weather was favorable.  
7 September. There was no flying. The weather was favorable. Between 1300 and 1600, aircraft parked at the field included: Four MiG-15s, side by side and facing toward the south, on the north-south runway; 6 MiG-15s, facing toward the west, south of the former; an unidentified number of MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s in two or three rows, south of the hangars; an unidentified number of MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s in three rows west of the flight control station; 1 MiG-15 or U-MiG-15 facing toward the north at the eastern edge of the east-west runway; 1 Li-2 and 1 Po-2 south of the flight control station. Fourteen soldiers were seen near the 10 aircraft on the north-south runway. These aircraft had open air intake apertures. 25X1 25X1

8 September. At 1535, a Po-2 took off for a 20-minute flight. There was no flying by MiG-15s. Aircraft were parked at the field as on the preceding day. At 1400, 1 MiG-15 of the alert flight was towed to the end of the runway for refueling from a

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tank truck with the help of two soldiers.<sup>1</sup>

6. On 7 and 8 September, a type AA 4 MK 3 radio and D/F station mounted on a truck, a Fishnet-type radar set and one radio mast, 8 meters long, were observed at the field.

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The sets were located near the eastern end of the main runway. On 8 September, an unidentified radio set was seen south of the runway junction. The set was covered by a tarpaulin and only the contours of a somewhat flattened cupola were seen. Two soldiers were sitting behind the set. The Token-type radar set at the Finow-Schoepfurth road and the antenna installation on the roof of a barn north of kilometer marker 7 on the road mentioned were at their previous locations.<sup>2</sup>

7. Between 5 and 8 September, an estimated 40 and 10 aircraft revetments were located at the southern edge and in the northeastern corner of the field respectively. It was impossible to determine exactly the number of aircraft revetments here since they were partly obstructed from view.<sup>3</sup> On 7 September, motor vehicles both with drivers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets were identified at the main gate.

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8. On 15 August, a local resident, allegedly made the following observations: Parachuting was practiced from a biplane at an altitude of about 600 meters. The biplane took off 6 times. The parachutes seen were square and had a rope on each corner.

9. Between 2 and 6 September, one Token and one Fishnet-type radar set were seen on hill 72.5 northwest of Sommerfelde. Tents for the personnel were seen on the northeastern slope of the hill. According to a local resident, a senior lieutenant who was quartered in the northeastern section of Sommerfelde, was chief of the radar station.<sup>2</sup>

1. Comment. Finow airfield is believed to be occupied by a fighter division headquarters and two fighter regiments, equipped with a total of 58 to 60 MiG-15s or UMiG-15s. On 7 and 8 September, the occupation of the field was possibly increased.

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2. Comment. Two radar stations are known to exist in the area of Finow airfield. The station consisting of a Token-type set and the antenna installation on the roof of a barn is located at the Finow-Schoepfurth road and probably belongs to Finow airfield. The other station consisting of one Token-type and one Fishnet-type set is located near Sommerfelde and probably belongs to a radar control net, such as the Gardelegen and Hagenow nets. For location of radar sets, see Annex.

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3. Comment. For location of the aircraft revetments, see Annex.

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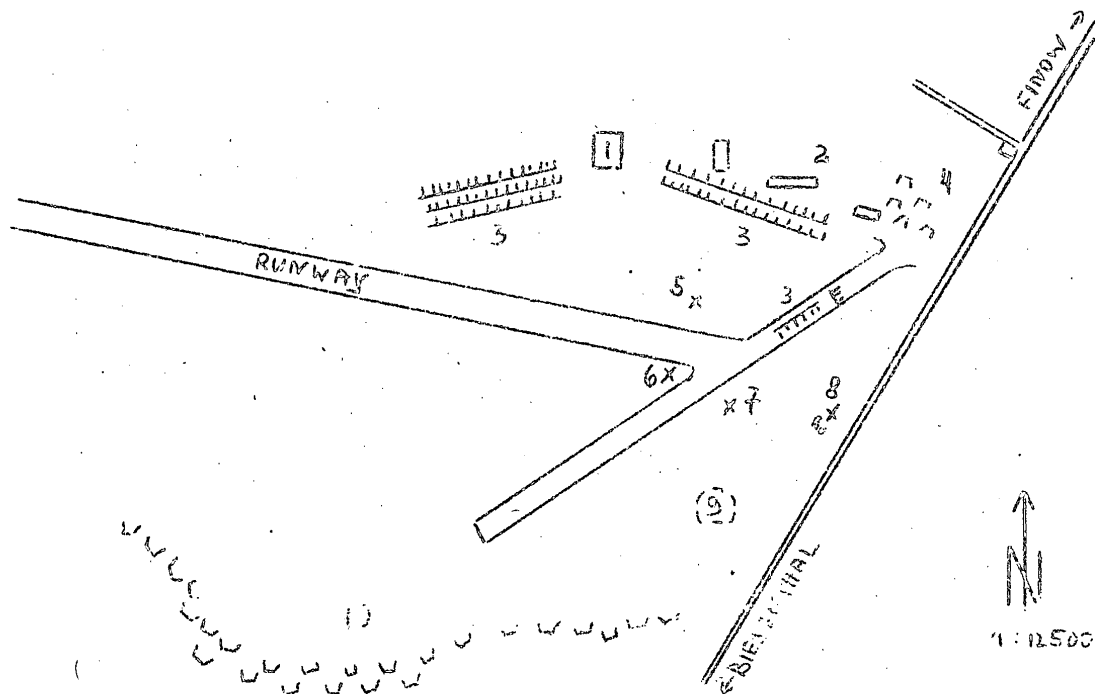
Annex

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Finny Airfield

## Legend:

- 1 Flight control station
- 2 Hangars
- 3 Dispersal areas of aircraft seen on 7 and 8 September
- 4 About 10 aircraft revetments
- 5 Motor vehicle with glass cupola
- 6 AA 4 MK 3-type radar set
- 7 Fishnet-type radar set
- 8 Eight-meter high mast without bracings
- 9 AA gun emplacement
- 10 About 40 aircraft revetments



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